

**Submission
No 157**

**INQUIRY INTO KOALA POPULATIONS AND HABITAT IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear Committee,

I write with an urgent plea for koala populations in NSW. Koalas need space – they need room to live and breed without cars and without too many dogs but with trees – so they need space away from houses and traffic. Unfortunately we tend to want the same habitat areas for urban expansion so koalas are pushed out and have no protection and no safe habitat: slim corridors are not an answer. Please give your best endeavours to provide some immediate and lasting protection.

Logging is an industry of depleting natural resources – replacing aged forests with young plantations without diversity. A mother koala cannot wait 20 years for a seedling to mature and provide a roost. Please properly protect NSW “koala hubs” and act immediately to more properly protect our dwindling koala populations.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Bewsher